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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that several severe storm systems causing damages associated with tornados, high winds, hail, and flooding have impacted communities across the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, there has been loss of life in Stoddard, Pemiscot and St. Louis Counties, 60 percent of Caruthersville was damaged with more than 25 injuries directly attributed to the storm system; and

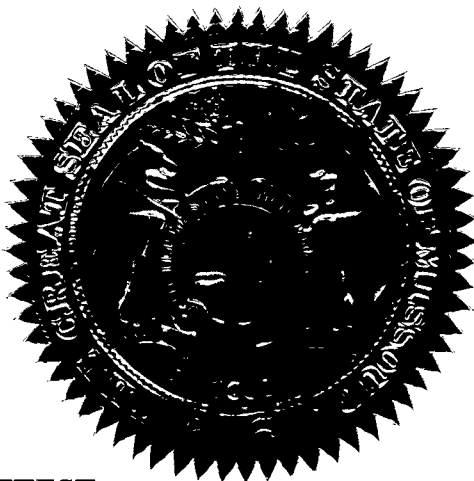
WHEREAS, damage to the affected areas and loss of property and interruption of public services have occurred as a result of the severe weather beginning April 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on April 2, 2006 and continues, has created a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the affected communities require an invocation of the provisions of Section 41.480.2, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Missouri, including Section 41.480.2, RSMo, order and direct the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, or his designee, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri, to protect life and property, and it is further ordered and directed that the Adjutant General or his designee, and through him, the commanding officer of any unit or other organization of such organized militia so called into active service take such action and employ such equipment as may be necessary in support of civilian authorities, and provide such assistance as may be authorized and directed by the Governor of this State.

This order shall terminate on May 3, 2006, unless extended in whole or in part.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri in the City of Jefferson on this 3rd day of April, 2006.



Matt Blunt
Governor



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State